

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: Juha PIRKOLA et al  
Confirmation No.: 8862  
Serial No.: 09/337,330  
Filed: June 21, 1999  
Group: 2681  
Examiner: J. GELIN  
For: MOBILITY WITHIN A PACKET-SWITCHED  
TELEPHONY NETWORK

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

May 6, 2008

**DECLARATION OF HOWARD ARONSON IN SUPPORT OF PETITION FOR  
REVIVAL OF UNINTENTIONALLY ABANDONED PATENT APPLICATION**

Sir:

This Declaration is submitted in support of the accompanying Petition for Revival and request for entry of the accompanying Amendment. I am the Managing Partner of Lackenbach Siegel, LLP and responsible for employment issues regarding the paralegal staff.

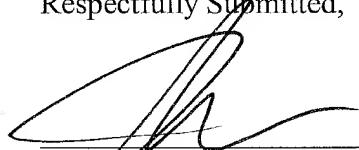
Michelle Bombino was hired as a patent paralegal for the firm, starting on January 15, 2007. According to her submitted resume, she was a trained paralegal, having completed an ABA approved Paralegal Studies Certificate Program. (A copy is attached as Exhibit A.) Ms. Bombino replaced the previous patent paralegal, who had resigned in September 2006, and whose duties included managing the dockets of two patent attorneys in the firm, Robert Bauer and Andrew Young. During the period from September 2006 to January 15, 2007, the patent paralegal position was empty (due to the prior paralegal leaving on short notice) although a temporary was employed to perform certain routine functions such as typing, etc., but generally not the processing of papers related to patent applications.

Shortly after beginning her employment, Ms. Bombino was required to appear for jury duty. Unfortunately, the trial lasted for four weeks, lasting the entire month of February. (A copy of the Juror's Proof of Service Certificate is attached as Exhibit B.) When Ms. Bombino returned to her position from jury duty in March 2007, the accumulated workload had grown tremendously. She resigned soon thereafter. Although she initially offered two weeks notice, she immediately began to call in sick and it became apparent that she would not complete her employment. Ms. Bombino was aware that there were a large number of unresolved and open items, and that she was leaving with her tasks incomplete and their status unknown to Mr. Bauer and Mr. Young. So egregious was Ms. Bombino's behavior that I decided that she was not to be provided a job reference by the firm. This action was taken by me on March 23, 2007 without any specific knowledge of the Notice of Abandonment in this application (See email dated and printed on 3/23/2007 and attached hereto as Exhibit C).

The firm maintains docketing systems, in part, to avoid the unintentional abandonment of pending patent applications. Those docketing systems were utilized for this application, and the failure to timely and completely process the Notice of Abandonment is due to the irresponsible behavior of Ms. Bombino, which could not have been reasonably expected or anticipated by the firm.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

Respectfully Submitted,



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## EXPERIENCE

Ohlandt, Greeley, Ruggiero & Perle LLP, Stamford, CT                              July 2005 – Present  
Intellectual Property Law Paralegal

- Prepare and file documentation related to all aspects of U.S., PCT and national patent prosecution from application to issue; i.e., Declarations, Powers of Attorney, Information Disclosure Statements, Assignments and Recordations
- Review and respond to Notices issued by U.S. and foreign patent offices
- Utilize United States Patent and Trademark Office, European Patent Office and the World Intellectual Property Office's websites
- Search and obtain cited prior art
- Maintain docket calendar of due date for responses, maintenance fees, annuity fees and working requirements
- Draft correspondence to clients, foreign associates and United States Patent and Trademark Office

Sony Pictures Entertainment, Inwood, NY                                      June 2002 – February 2004  
Customer Service Representative

- Responsible for the distribution and monitoring of marketing/promotional materials to International Colombia TriStar & Revolution Studio offices
- Liaison between Creative Marketing Department and outside vendors
- Produced daily productivity status reports
- Managed customer support
- Drafted daily correspondence and work orders
- Responsible for marketing/promotional special requests

NBC Universal Television, Jersey City, NJ                                      June 2001 – June 2002  
Network Coordinator

- Responsible for the on-air database management for USA NETWORKS, SCI FI CHANNEL, TRIO and NWI
- Processed air check requests for internal and external clientele
- Processed daily status reports and generated daily logs
- Programmed alternate and skeleton play-lists for special live events
- Drafted correspondence
- Coordinated with Master Control, Creative Marketing and Traffic departments to ensure on-air broadcast ran efficiently

EXHIBIT

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Legal Administrative Assistant	July 2000 – June 2001
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Formatted and redlined all legal documents</li> <li>• Drafted inter-office memorandums, letters to affiliates, affiliate contracts, licensing agreements, and rate charts</li> <li>• Planned and arranged in house meetings and conference calls</li> <li>• Arranged travel itinerary and produced expense reports</li> </ul>	
Matrix Research Inc., Inwood, NY 2004	September 1999 - August
Office Manager	
Responsible for data base management of accounts payable, accounts receivable, and payroll Downloaded governmental bids and contracts from the internet Drafted correspondence Ordered office supplies and raw materials for projects Handled all customer inquiries	
National Video Center, New York, NY Administrative Assistant	May 1999 – August 1999
Logged and digitized video tapes using AVID Managed accounts payable, accounts receivable, and petty cash Produced expense reports Drafted correspondence	
EDUCATION	
Mercy College, White Plains, NY Paralegal Studies Certificate Program, ABA Approved	August 2005
Hofstra University, Hempstead, NY B.A. in Television/Video	May 2000
COMPUTER SKILLS	
Proficient in MS WORD, MS EXCEL, MS OUTLOOK, Windows XP, CPI database, Lotus Notes 5.0, Omnibus database, Gabriel database, Sony Warehouse Management System, Sony AD/PUB Theatrical database and various internet browsers Familiar with MS Publisher, MS Access, MS Powerpoint, Adobe Photoshop, QuarkXpress, Now-Up-To-Date & Contact, Filemaker Pro, Pinnacle Studio 9, Adobe Premiere, AVID, AutoCAD, SAP database, QAD database and Epiphany database	

References available upon request



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DEPUTY COMMISSIONER  
MARY SENKO  
DEPUTY COMMISSIONER

DATE: 03/01/2007

JUROR'S PROOF OF SERVICE CERTIFICATE

JUROR'S NAME: MICHELLE M BOMBINO

ALPHA SEQ NO.: 46

INDEX #: 609349366

TERM DATE: 02/05/2007

LOCATION: WESTCHESTER

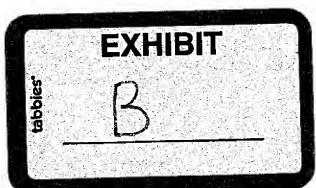
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02/20/2007	02/21/2007	02/22/2007
02/23/2007	02/27/2007	02/28/2007

TOTAL DAYS ATTENDED: 15 (FIFTEEN)

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FRANCES M. TURSI  
COMMISSIONER OF JURORS



## Gina Cancellaro

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**From:** Gina Cancellaro  
**Sent:** Friday, March 23, 2007 9:28 AM  
**To:** Howard Aronson  
**Subject:** RE: Michelle Out Sick Today

No problem, will do.

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**From:** Howard Aronson  
**Sent:** Friday, March 23, 2007 9:27 AM  
**To:** Gina Cancellaro  
**Cc:** Marisol Morales  
**Subject:** RE: Michelle Out Sick Today

Check our Manual. If there are no sick or personal the first three months, deduct the day from the last paycheck.

Also, Gina, put this in the file for Michelle. There is to be no reference from this office if we are contacted. Refer the calls or letters to me.

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**From:** Gina Cancellaro  
**Sent:** Friday, March 23, 2007 8:56 AM  
**To:** Andrew Young; Robert Bauer  
**Cc:** Catherine Kynard; Jennifer Burke; Judy Hart; Rosemary Speruzzi  
**Subject:** Michelle Out Sick Today

Good morning,

Michelle is not feeling well and will not be in today.

Gina

